

# News Release



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## **FOLLOW UP TO MOUNT AIRY SHELL GAS STATION ROBBERY** **THAT OCCURRED ON MONDAY JUNE 12, 2017**

On Friday, June 16, 2017, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance and cooperation of the Howard County Police Department, executed a search and seizure warrant at 17777 Frederick Road, Mount Airy, Howard County, MD related to this incident. Arrested at the location and the target of the investigation was:

### **Ricky Shelton Ward W/M/40**

Early on in this investigation, the store clerk at the shell station, had alerted investigators that he was familiar with the suspect, by voice recognition, as a longtime customer with the first name of Ricky. Review of surveillance video identified Mr. Ward as the suspect and additional investigation led to the search and seizure warrant this morning.

As a result of the search warrant, investigators obtained statements from Mr. Ward implicating himself in the robbery as well as recovering the weapon used in the incident which has been identified as a BB Gun. Also located at the Frederick Road address were two adults wanted on outstanding arrest warrants through Howard County. Both were taken into custody by Howard County Police.

Ricky Ward was taken to our central booking facility at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center where he remains on a No Bond status awaiting a bond review.

Mr. Ward was charged with the following:

Armed Robbery  
Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony/Violent Crime  
Possession of a Handgun  
Transporting a Handgun in a Vehicle  
First Degree Assault  
2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault  
Reckless Endangerment  
Theft under \$1000.00

## **Mount Airy Armed Robbery**

On June 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:39 a.m., FCSO responded to a call of an armed robbery at the Shell gas station in Mount Airy located on the 600<sup>th</sup> block of Lakeview Drive.

Deputies searched the area and performed a K-9 track for the suspect, but were unable to locate the suspect.

The suspect is described as a white male, late 20's to early 30's, thin build with light colored hair. The suspect was wearing a black long sleeve shirt and dark jeans.

A handgun was displayed and cash was taken from the establishment. The suspect fled on foot towards the rear of the Gas Station in the direction of RT 27. Surveillance video footage is currently being evaluated.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Frederick County Sheriff's Office tip line at 301-600-3141 or DET Michael Toste at 301-600-3610.